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#### An Institutionalized Savagery

Editorial in center-right O Estado de S.Paulo (7/01) says: "Robert Mugabe, the hero of Zimbabwe's independence movement, could have been for his country what Nelson Mandela was for South Africa, but instead became a second Idi Amin. Essential for the future of the new Idi Amin is the position of South Africa's president Thabo Mbeki who has been giving signs of exasperation with the tyrant. It is unlikely that South Africa, as well as Russia and China, will support economic sanctions against Zimbabwe, and much less the sending of the UN's blue helmets. But it would be considered a victory if the African Unit, with the support of South Africa, declared illegitimate the sixth mandate of Mugabe and put pressure [on Mugabe] for new elections."  
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